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DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION AND REQUEST FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSIONS OF TIME

Dear Sir:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.492 that may be required during the entire pendency of this application, and to credit any amounts paid in excess of those actually due, to Deposit Account No. 20-0096.

It is applicants' intention generally to pay all fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.492 by timely-submitted checks. However, in those instances where no check is timely submitted, or where a check is submitted for an amount less than the amount required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.492 that may therefore be required during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 20-0096.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3), please treat this paper as a request to treat any concurrent or future replies filed in this application, that require a petition for an extension

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of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for timely submission, as incorporating a petition for an extension of time for the appropriate length of time. Where the necessary fees for an extension of time are not paid by contemporaneously-submitted check, please charge Deposit Account No. 20-0096 as discussed above.

Respectfully submitted,

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